Requirement of New Petrol Pumps in Nagpur district

2440. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of New Petrol Pumps of the various Oil Companies, for Nagpur district (Maharashtra) in the near future;

(b) what are the places where these are required;

(c) whether these have been advertised and if not, by when they will be advertised; and

(d) what steps are being taken to facilitate easy availability of Petrol and Diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The current demand of motoring public is being met by the existing 86 retail outlet dealerships in Nagpur Distt. of Maharashtra. Keeping in view the growing demand of petrol/diesel, oil marketing companies are in the process of appointing 13 retail outlets at the following locations in Nagpur District:

Nagpur (5)
Nagpur Amrawati Road
Vill. Jugeshwar
Bazargaon Vill.
Hingna Road MIDC
Saoner
Khamla Rind Road Junction
Palora
Pratap Nagar.

(c) Out of the above, 7 dealerships have already been advertised and the remaining locations are due to be advertised shortly.

(d) To facilitate availability of petrol & Diesel, new Retail Outlets are opened from time to time on the basis of market survey. The task of the oil industry is to ensure that stocks are available at the existing retail outlets to avoid dry-outs.

Voluntary retirement schemes for Port and Dock workers

2441. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced some voluntary retirement schemes for the port and dock workers;

(b) if so, the date from which these schemes have come into force;

(c) the response of port and dock workers to such schemes since then; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 29-8-1901.

(c) and (d) So far 9750 employees have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme which includes 356 officers, 4335 emplo-yees and 5059 workers. A total amount of Rs. 12394.91 lakhs has been paid on account of *ex-gratia* towards Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

Allocation of Kerosene to West Bengal.

2442. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) what was the quota of kerosene oil earmarked for West Bengal in 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) what was the actual quantity of kerosene oil supplied to the State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The quantaties of kerosene allocated and actually supplied to West Bengal in

1993-94 and 1994-95 are as under:—

(Figs. in MT)

Year	Quantity of Kerosene Allocated	Quantity of Kerosene Actually Supplied.
1993-94	745094	742921
1994-95	748188	746984

Clearance to Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Project

2443. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the clearance for Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Project is pending before Central Government for clearance;

(b) whether Government are aware that while the Hon'ble Prime Minister visited Kerala recently, he promised clearance for this project; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to give clearance to this project immediately in view of the fact that Kerala is facing acute shortage in Electricity, if so by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Project, Kerala was approved from Environmental angle in June, 1985 but the final decision on diversion of 3001.8. ha. of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not yet been taken.

(b) Speeches made by the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Kerala in November, 1995 indicated no such assurance.

(c) the matter is under examination.

Telephone Facilities to Members of Panchayats

2444. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state whether Government would take steps to include the Members of Gram Panchayats, Block Panchyats and District Panchayats in the special category for grant of telephones so that they may be preferred in getting phone connections which will help them in discharging their duties as public servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): Sir, there is no proposal to include Members of Gram Panchayats, Block Panchayats and District Panchayats for registration under Special category, for the present.

राजदूतों द्वारा आंतरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप किया जाना

2445. **श्री जनेश्वरमिश्र:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछ देशों के राजदूत भारत के आंतरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप कर रहे है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की है;

(ग) क्या यह सच नहीं है कि कश्मीर आंतकवादी संगठन हुरियत काफ्रेंस के नेताओं ने इरानी राजदूत के साथ गुप्त बैठकें की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया): (क) और (ख) सरकार को भारत के आंतरिक मामलों में विदेशी राजदूतों द्वारा हस्तक्षेप किये जाने की कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ग) और (घ) ईरान के राजदूत ने 16 से 20 अक्टूबर, 1995 तक जम्मू एंव कश्मीर की यात्रा की, जिसके दौरान उन्होंने हुर्रियत के कुछ नेताओं से मुलाकात की। किसी गुप्त बैठक के बारे में कोई खबर नहीं मिली है।